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As the French Chief is still detained by adverse winds, it enables me to give you information of the retreat of the French army under that great general, Marescau. They left Santarem on the night of the 4th inst., without doing any great mischief to the town; a letter from the Portuguese Secretary of Lord Wellington, to his father here, states, that they left it in a *military manner*—Other letters, dated Santarem, state all the gun carriages to have been burnt, and the heavy artillery thrown in the river. Lord Wellington is pursuing, &c his head quarters are stated differently by different letters; on the 7th at night, we were informed that he was at Thomar, but